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Project No. 30 - PHE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Brecksville,
Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

The Congregational Church in Brecksville was organized July 13, 1816, under the "Plan of Union" of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church - a plan for the "promoting of unity and harmony among the churches in the new settlements", and by vote was placed under the Grand River Presbytery in 1817.

New England Congregationalists outnumbered New York and New Jersey Presbyterians among the settlers of Brecksville, notwithstanding which the organization continued as Presbyterian Church until 1839, when it became a Congregational Church.

The church building was dedicated October 30th, 1844 and cost, according to the records of that day, about \$3,000.00.

The building is one-story and balcony high, has a tower, and originally contained no basement. It is of local stone foundation and frame super-structure of hewn and sawed framing timbers, lapped siding, split lath and originally had a shingle roof. The original mouldings were all handmade. Framing and finishing lumber was cut from the surrounding forests.

The design and construction are typical of the pioneer church buildings of that period and shows the influence of the old New England meeting houses.

The interior has been redesigned and remodeled within the past few years and an addition built at the rear of the original structure.

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